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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 8069

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON MFA RE EGYPT-ISRAEL AGREEMENT

REF: NAIROBI 8031

1. EMBASSY PLEASED TO REPORT THAT, IN SPITE OF ACTING
FOREIGN MINISTER BABU WOOD'S STATEMENT THAT ANY PUBLIC
RELEASE OF GOK SUPPORT FOR EGYPT WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WAIYAKI'S RETURN 26 SEPTEMBER,
FOLLOWING OFFICIAL KENYA NEWS AGENCY RELEASE APPEARED
IN THE DAILY NATION 17 SEPT AND WAS BROADCAST ON
VOICE OF KENYA NEWS 16 SEPT:

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BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:

QUOTE AFRICA IS NOT INTERESTED IN BLOODSHED AND THE OAU DOES NOT ENCOURAGE IT IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, AN ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR. BABU WOOD SAID IN NAIROBI YESTERDAY. HE WAS RECEIVING A COPY OF THE ACCORD SIGNED RECENTLY BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL, FROM THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO KENYA, MR. ANTHONY D. MARSHALL. MR. WOOD ADDED THAT THE AIM OF THE OAU IS TO SEE THAT THERE IS PEACE IN AFRICA AND FOR THIS REASON, KENYA SUPPORTS EGYPT IN HER EFFORTS FOR PEACE WITH ISRAEL. HE SAID THE US SECRETARY OF STATE, HENRY KISSINGER, EGYPT AND ISRAEL HAD ACHIEVED SOMETHING IN WAY OF PEACE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST. MR. MARSHALL SAID THE AGREEMENT WAS NOT PERMANENT BUT A MEANS FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. HE OBSERVED THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THIS COMPLEX ISSUE THAT AN ACCORD HAD BEEN SIGNED WHILE THE TWO SIDES WERE NOT ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN A WAR. HE HOPED KENYA WOULD SUPPORT EFFORTS BEING MADE BY THE TWO SIDES IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT. END QUOTE.

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2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, AMBASSADOR DID NOT HAND WOOD COPY OF EGYPT-ISRAEL AGREEMENT BUT MERELY A WRITTEN VERSION OF THE POINTS HE WAS MAKING ORALLY.

3. WHILE KNA RELEASE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE FORMAL STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, BELIEVE IT IS ADEQUATE BASIS FOR COUNTING KENYA AMONG COUNTRIES WHO HAVE PUBLICLY HAILED AGREEMENT. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CALL USIA'S ATTENTION TO ABOVE, EXTRACTS OR TEXT OF WHICH CAN BE FREELY QUOTED.
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